

SENATE BILL 2512

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36  
and Title 71, relative to parenting plans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-404, is amended in subsection  
(b) by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following language:

Any permanent parenting plan shall include a residential schedule as defined in §  
36-6-402, and shall specify the percentage of residential time the child spends with the  
mother and with the father according to the schedule.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

36-6-415.

(a) For any final decree incorporating a permanent parenting plan, the  
court shall report the percentage of residential time the child spends with the  
mother and with the father under the plan to the department of human services.

(b) The reporting requirement under subsection (a) shall not be  
construed to include any identifying information from a case and shall be limited  
to the provision of information concerning the number of children to whom a  
parenting plan applies and the percentage of residential time each child spends  
with the mother and with the father under that plan.

(c) The commissioner of human services is authorized to promulgate  
rules and regulations to effectuate the reporting requirements of this section. All  
such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform  
Administrative Procedures Act compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(d) Each year the department of human services shall prepare and issue a report on parenting plans in this state. The report shall include, at a minimum, an analysis, evaluation or estimate, as appropriate, of the following, on a statewide basis for the preceding year:

- (1) The number of decrees entered that incorporate a parenting plan;
- (2) The number of children affected by a parenting plan; and
- (3) The percentage of residential time children spend with the mother and with the father.

SECTION 3. For purposes of rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it; for all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.